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## NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Shall the Fisheries Treaty be Publicly Discussed?

The Question Which the Senate is Called Upon to Decide.

Representatives Trying to Overtake Lost Legislative Ground.

Week Ending May 27.

MONDAY.—Mr. Hoar introduced a bill to create Andrew D. White of Ithaca, N. Y., George Bancroft of Washington, Justin Winsor of Cambridge, William F. Poole of Chicago, H. P. Adams of Baltimore and Clarence W. Bowen of Brooklyn a body politic, under the style of the American Historical Association, for the promotion of historical studies, for the collection and preservation of historical documents, and for kindred purposes, in the interests of American history and of history in America. The association is granted power to hold property not in excess of \$500,000 in value, and the regents of the Smithsonian Institution are authorized to permit the association to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books and other material in the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum.

The Senate then proceeded to business on the bill, and after numerous bills.

The bill for the erection of post office buildings in towns and cities where the post office receipts for the three years preceding have exceeded \$3000 annually, was taken up, and, after a long debate and amendments, went over without final action.

Mr. Frye, from the committee on commerce, moved back the river and harbor bill with amendments, and it was ordered to be printed and recommended.

### Department of Agriculture.

The President's message returning with his approval the joint resolution authorizing the use and improvement of Castle Island in Boston harbor was laid before the House, and was referred to the committee on military affairs.

The Senate amendments to the pension appropriation bill were non-concurred in conference ordered.

On motion of Mr. Dunn of Arkansas a resolution was adopted directing the committee on agriculture and the navy to investigate the fur seal fisheries of Alaska.

Mr. Burnett of Massachusetts introduced a bill for the payment of pensions to disabled pensioners, his widow or minor children shall be placed upon the pension roll without regard to the cause of death or survival.

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Bill Asking for Bread and Getting a Stone.

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On motion of Mr. Belmont of New York, a resolution was adopted authorizing the committee on foreign relations to inquire into the facts connected with the imprent in an English jail of J. C. Kent, a naturalized American citizen. Adjourned.

### No Senator Appropriations.

FRIDAY.—In the Senate today Mr. Blair introduced a joint resolution to amend the Constitution so as to establish a national service commission to be composed of one member of each house, and to provide for the appointment of a secretary of agriculture, and to transfer the weather bureau of the United States Service Bureau from the War Department to the Department of Agriculture.

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ITALIAN HAVE A ROW, WHICH ENDS IN A HOLOCAUST.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., May 27.—A terrible holocaust occurred at West Pittston early Sunday morning. On Saturday night a large number of persons were gathered in a dance hall kept by Chris Saregar. They all got drunk, and a fight followed.

Saregar's four-year-old daughter was burned to death, and three of the drunken Italians were seriously burned, two of them

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